

## **Assembly Joint Resolution No. 19**

### **RESOLUTION CHAPTER 75**

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 19—Relative to the Healthy Families Program.

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#### **LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST**

AJR 19, Ma. Healthy Families Program.

This measure would memorialize each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program to assure adequate federal funding for the Healthy Families Program. The measure would also urge the Governor to use his best efforts to work with the Congressional delegation in that regard and to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for Medi-Cal or the Healthy Families Program.

WHEREAS, The Legislature regards the health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in our state; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature regards poor child health as a threat to the educational achievement, and social and psychological well-being of the children in our state; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature considers protecting the health of our children to be essential to the well-being of our youngest citizens and the quality of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature considers California's State Children's Health Insurance Program, the Healthy Families Program, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for children of our state; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature recognizes the value of the Healthy Families Program in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

WHEREAS, The Legislature considers the federal funding available for the Healthy Families Program to be indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest means and finds that the success in increasing enrollment of eligible uninsured children across the country has caused expenditures of funds to exceed the annual federal allotment; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature urges the members of California's delegation to the United States Congress to ensure that the Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children's Health Insurance Program to assure adequate federal funding for the Healthy Families Program; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the Governor to use his best efforts to work with the California Congressional delegation to ensure that the State Children's Health Insurance Program is reauthorized with adequate funding and in a timely manner; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature proclaims that all components of state government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent possible; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Legislature urges the Governor to use his best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for Medi-Cal or the Healthy Families Program; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor, to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.